

“Useful to the Master”

Intro: This morning’s text calls every believer to _____ – that we would be vessels of honor useful to God! In _____ calling each and every believer to be an honorable vessel fit for His good service He teaches us that as there are “Various Vessels in the House” (v. 20), and that the “Vessels of _____” (vs. 21-23) are “Vessels of Humility” (vs. 24-26).

I. There are _____ within Christ’s church.

A. In the church there are vessels of honor (_____ and holiness) and vessels of dishonor (unclean and _____). There are tares among the wheat (cf. Matt. 13:24-30)!

II. Those who are _____ of God are _____ vessels of honor.

A. If by faith in Christ we will obediently submit to Him then He will make us vessels of honor, favored by God for God’s good and noble purposes! If you desire to be used of God then you must _____ Him as Lord and _____.

B. Those who would be a vessel of honor worshipfully _____ all youthful lusts which are _____ to their Master.

C. This is what all who call upon the Lord with a sincere heart do: they abstain from wickedness by fleeing youthful lusts while _____ the righteousness, faith, love and peace which is from _____. Those who pursue such honorable things are useful to God!

D. The vessel of honor gives them self to what is useful to God. They _____ to enter into arguments which are _____ as they detract from the gospel. They are quick to present the gospel in love, thereby correcting the errant.

III. Vessels of _____ are vessels of obedient _____.

A. The bond-servant of God is _____ to be a person who looks to _____!

B. The useful vessel of honor must be kind to all for it was the _____ that led us to repentance! (cf. Ro. 2:4)

C. The vessel of honor must be _____ to _____ the truth of Christ winsomely through word and deed.

D. The vessel of honor patiently endures wrongs suffered for Christ as _____ suffering is useful to God, being a witness of Christ's suffering and a testimony of the Christian's _____ in God.

E. God uses the vessel of honor to gently (patiently, _____, meekly) _____ those who oppose Christ.

F. As vessels of honor we willingly suffer the wrong-doing of others so as to show them Jesus, knowing that as _____ uses us He may _____ repentance leading them to a _____ knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Closing: Let your light shine! Be a vessel of honor _____ to God! Forsake sin and put on righteousness. Forsake the useless which does not save and minister the saving _____ to all. Endure the persecution of those who oppose Christ knowing that God might save them just as He saved you.

God will save you! Christ will keep you! The Holy Spirit will empower you! Be a vessel of _____, useful to the _____ for the salvation of lost souls!

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